

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action contends that the following groups of claims lack unity of invention:

Group I	Claims 9 to 15
Group II	Claims 16 to 22

While Applicants do not necessarily agree with the merits of these contentions, to facilitate matters, Group I, i.e., claims 9 to 15, are elected for further prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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